

## **2012 Mass Area Parks Student Career Intake Program**

### **“Begin Your Career in the National Park Service”**

Spend your summer exploring careers in the National Park Service. Interact with professionals in the many career fields offered in the national parks. The Mass Area Parks Student Career Intake Program (SCIP) is open to current or entering college students from diverse communities who have experience working or volunteering in national parks and are interested in career training and employment with the National Park Service. This program will offer a multi-year mentoring experience that includes working and exploring career fields in the National Park Service.

The goal of the program is to reach youth early in their consideration of careers, offering the National Park Service as an option. Promising students will be offered practical work experience in national parks, along with training, in order to develop a cadre of college graduates eager to contribute professionally to the NPS. Participants will explore a variety of career fields and work towards focusing on a career path. Inclusion of employees from diverse communities increases the diversity of the Service and, in turn, our relevancy to the public in the 21st Century.

#### **Position Requirements**

1. Open to students who have experience working or volunteering in national park(s) and have completed their senior year in high school through college (you must be enrolled in college for the fall) and have an interest in a career in the National Park Service.
2. This is a full-time position working 8 hours per day, 5 days per week for 10 weeks during the summer from mid-June to late August. Working weekends can be expected. Possibilities exist for part time work during the winter months, but not required.
3. Participants commit to participate in the program for the entire four years.
4. A typical work week for the first year will include 3 days at designated national park sites in New England exploring career areas of the NPS and 2 days at your host park.
5. The work environment will vary greatly from a classroom setting to field work during the heat of the summer. Participants should be able to withstand warm summer temperatures, working outdoors walking in the natural environment, extensive walking etc. Overnight travel and trips to other national parks is required and is part of the intake program experience.
6. Must have an interest in pursuing a career in one of many aspects of the National Park Service.

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## **Application Process and Questions**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

#### **Intake positions are open to applicants in all Divisions and career fields**

1. In order to apply you must submit the following:

- Resume (include your social security number and US Citizenship)
- Completed Mass Area Parks Student Career Intake Program Application Questions (see questions below)
- Letter of recommendation from a National Park Service sponsor.
- School transcript and a letter of enrollment for the Fall 2011

Please submit these materials electronically to Amy Glowacki, Mass Area Parks Student Career Intake Program Manager at:

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67 Kirk Street, Lowell MA 01852  
978-970-5024

### **Deadline for Applications: On-going**

### **Application Questions**

Please provide written answers to the following questions to assist us in identifying the strongest candidates for our positions. In developing your answers think about past work or volunteer experiences, activities or sport programs, and community or church group programs you may have participated in.

- 1. What are your career goals?**
- 2. How will this program assist you in achieving your goals?**
- 3. What extracurricular activities are the most rewarding to you and describe why?**
- 4. Describe your most memorable experience with the National Park Service. It might be as a visitor or working or volunteering at a park.**
- 5. What do you consider to be one of your greatest strengths and how do you see this assisting you with a career in the National Park Service?**